

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the entire abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

-- In a stapler for supplying a staple (1) formed with a pair of staple legs into a strike out passage (17), striking out the staple supplied into the strike out passage (17) to sheets (P) to be bound, and folding to bend the staple legs penetrated through the sheets (P) along a rear face of the sheets, a guide member (21), arranged in the strike out passage (17) and including a guide piece (22) for supporting sides of base portions of the staple legs from inner sides in a process that the staple leg is penetrating the sheets, is formed. --